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MR. GROW'S ELECTION. was the general desire to secure the strongest possible representation in congress, Galusha A. Grow-has very naturally received a tremendous majority of the popular vote. A candidate less famous would have won grandly, for the reason that industrial Pennsylvania had interests at stake far transcending the personal equation. But in the case of Mr. Grow, personal fitness and personal renown blended with the general needs of the commonwealth to make his selection virtually one without dissent.

It is no individual fault of Mr. Grow's opponent that the Democratic vote has dwindled down into almost an invisible quantity. Mr. Haucock, personally, is un affable gentleman whose deportment during the canvass has been one of almost piteous propriety. But he has the misfortune to advocate in this busy state, and in this eager, practical country, bald economic theories which, in any other mundans relation than that of beautiful and abstract speculations, would mean ruin to our prosperity, curtailment to our commerce and a deadly drain of our money to foreign lands. The people of Pennsylvania are disposed to let Mr. Hancock comfort himself as much as he may choose with fauciful interpretations of economic day dreams; but they are not disposed, so far as they can interfere. to convert their industrial centers into the abodes of owls and bats, nor to witness with equanimity the transfer of Pennsylvania thrift to centers of foreign production, in exchange for the poverty and squalor that now form the continental contrast.

In the present congress Mr. Grow will have little to do. The scene of the great economic battle has been shifted from house to senate, and the duties of the former will from this time forward be light. Nevertheless, in even the routine of legislation, Mr. Grow's skill, experience and ready counsel will prove valuable national resources. In all the vast audience of senators and representatives among whom he will take his place-some of whom have been for three decades active in public affairsthere is none who will fail to recognize in the father of the homestead law and every sense, and in some senses a supehas corrected a blunder of which Pennsylvanians had too long been acquiescently guilty.

THE LOADED pistol and the diseased temper should be forcibly divorced in Scranton thoroughfares

MONDAY NIGHT's quintette of burglaries may have been merely a co-incidence. but it is a kind of grouping which Scranton's able police force should strive to make uncommon. The resumption of the burglar industry in this city needs to be followed by a little extra infusion of energy into our a thing as this sort of innocuous police desnetude becoming monotonous.

IN UNION there is strength. Scrantonians should keep together.

THE CENTRAL ISSUE.

There can be no rational difference of opinion as to the abstract justice of the time of the granting of the cor- ant exile, porate franchise, it is distinctly covenauted and agreed that these poles shall be subject to taxation whenever counthe one central principle of equity, | ly be forgiven. touching the right of the municipality to maist upon a fair equivalent for privileges conferred, not only in point

justice of this principle. the present contention in this city. A five million dollars of annual deficiency, recapitulation of the salient facts with whereas the present bond issue will especial reference to the one corpora- net, in temporary revenue, about ten tion which is most bitterly assailed, million dollars less. That is to say, namely, the Scranton Traction com- making no calculation as to the interpany, would seem to be desirable as est payable on these floating fives, the tending to clear away misapprenensions. To begin with, having isting form, would, although each year purchased the rights of the People's we were to offer a new issue of bonds Street Railway company, whose franchise had gone begging, the present company began immediate concessions lars deeper into the hole of national to the public, uncommon in their lib- insolvency. eral character. It made a three-cent In order to make this thing even fare for workingmen and a half-fare clearer, let us illustrate the case by rate for school children; which, supple- supposing that John Smith is a mermented by free transfers, made our chant who does a yearly business that street car service as regular, cheap and convenient as that of any other city lars in debt; that is, John's receipts are in the country. The public, in this respect, has had no just reason to com-

Fact second in this connection relates to a practical condition now existing, ble in ten years with interest at five rather than to an abstract principle of per cent This bargain is closed, and equity such as figures largely in the John's credit is so good-made so unpole tax discussion. It is the fact that | der a better business manager than he the Scranton Traction company owns has at present-that, in order to get in legal form franchise rights putting his note, with five per cant., those it in complete possession of the situa- friends give John a premium. The tion in this city for a period of nine question which the American people hundred and ninety-nine years. It may are called upon to ask, with reference be argued that such a sweeping grant to their own case, is how many years covering so long a time is inexpedient | John can stand it to run thus heavily and unwise. THE TRIBUNE will not de- behind in his collections, borrow bate this point. Its sympathies are money at five per cent, interest and with the people in this matter and it still command, in the financial mark- draw." would gladly welcome the day when ets, a respectable rating of his promevery public franchise grant could be issory notes? open, at reasonable intervals, to competitive bidders, under regulations as financial uncertainty. In a time of de-

centage in the business which it volunto the present cold fact that the Traction company, in pursuance, doubtless, of a not uncommon instinct, has taken advantage of the prevailing condition form it wanted it.

series of legislative enactments which, treatment? How long will the govern however proper enough in themselves, are, at this time and under these circumstances, of doubtful expediency Or, shall we seek by putting the whole matter on a common-sense basis of mutual consultation and concession, to Representing in his personality the the Scranton Traction company first brightest traditions of the Rapublican | met the people of this city and comparty, and emerging from honorable munity, and particularly the working retirement at the unanimous call of classes? This is the central issue at that party, extended at a time when it | present, and THE TRIBUNE is frank to say that it can see very little present usefulness in crying over spilled milk, as illustrated in the murmur of those who think that, years ago, the councils of Scranton should not have been such seft and Inscious prey for aggra-

> nent license to monopolize the earth. Mossback methods will not mar the Scranton of 1894.

> THE INDIVIDUAL who coolly shoots victims of functed grievances in a public street and walks icily away as if nothing uncommon had happened, should be warmed up to the novelty of the situation, if to nothing else. The ready shooter must go.

> It is believed, at this writing, that Mr. Hancock has "heard from Penn-

THE BRIDGES WIN.

which was waged by economists fearful of the cost of two such needed pub- ders timely Representative Hooker's lic improvements as the Linden Street effort to get a uniform and reasonable ative side had no arguments to present has passed when the publishing busiand nothing better upon which to uses can hang on the slender thread of make a firm stand save sullen opposi- any department official's uncertain tion or an easy indifference to the favor. progressive welfare of this thriving and indomitable city.

The bridges have won, at last, and with their victory comes a new demonstration of the moving force of unselfish public spirit. It has been this spirit, manifested through a long line of pairiotic citizens from the rudimentary stages of Slocum Hollow down to the metropolitan phases of today, which has carried Scranton forward and us in the aggregates of its wealth, rasources and population, upward, until in the prestige of its enterprises it ranks third among our Kaystone cities. It is this spirit which, triumphant in its present battle, must move on to new conquests in shaping the expanded future of the greater Scrauton that is to

From the exhibaration of this victory, n the spirited war speaker a peer in | They should be occupied with a steadiness of purpose that shall know rior. The twentieth of February, 1894, neither discouragement nor pause. The re-aroused spirit of peerless Scranton of the past, forged shead with strides that were fairly wondrous, should be kept at the highest pitch consistent with staying qualities until the record of the coming decade shall see written a substantial growth fairly vying with the decennial record which is now inspiring his-

> Now FOR a vigorous and united pull toward a greater Scranton!

IF MR BISSELL does some things guardians of the peace. There is such which the general public cannot approve, it is fair to say that he does ter actions is his vigorous crusade fection. against the Louisiana lottery swindle's new Honduras departure. While lottery gambling will not yield wholly to this postal boycott, it is something to know that popular sentiment has forced a tax on corporation poles provided, at the dishonest enterprise into perman-

LET MR. CLEVELAND now come down with equal suddenness from his Hacils may choose to tax them. Upon wailan high horse, and much can frank-

WHAT NEXT?

The intimation of Governor McKinof good service rendered-which, on ley at Pittsburg that Democracy's presthe part of the corporations, is, after entissue of bonds is simply the beginall, a business condition of self-de- ning of a series of government debts, fence-but also in any reasonable form | incurred cumulously, as new necessiof a direct and specific tax, either on ties arise, will have widespread crefranchise or equipment or both, there dence unless the senate shall utterly can be builded only one honest opin- transform the pending tariff bill. At ion, and that one which concedes the the outset, we are confronted with the fact that this bill, if enacted in its But all this is somewhat foreign to present shaps, would create seventy-Wilson tariff bill, if passed in its exupon the terms governing the issue of 1894, put us each year ten million dol-

leaves him seventy five million dolseventy-five million dollars less than his necessary disbursements. John goes to wealthy friends and off irs to give his note for fifty million dollars, paya-

We are upon the threshold of grave

suring to the public its proper per ficit we are asked to incur new deficit, and to tide the matter over by issuing tarily creates. But this, too, is foreign government promises to pay. At a time when our manufacturers need protection from foreign competition, we are asked to open wider the nation's doors, let in a greater abundance of foreignof things to get what it wanted, in the made goods and send out, in payment, the hard-won gold that is our only What recourse, then, have we from guarantee against downright banka possibility of constant friction toward | rupley. How long can even the Amerthe street car management? Shall we lican nation, rich as it is in energy, invite that friction by beginning a hope and resources, stand this kind of

fold assault? In certain southern states, when debts become troublesome, these debts are promptly repudiated. The section in which this is true is dominant now prolong the courteous and progressive at Washington. Something new must manner in which the management of happen. Will federal repudiation come

ment credit bear up under this two-

IN AN article calling attention to the unwisdom of the political rule which, in many instances, retires an efficient state legislator just as he is beginning to acquire recognition and achieve real usefulness, the Pittsburg Times cites, among other possible examples, Representative John R. Farr. Our Pittsburg contemporary is grandly correct in its fundamental point; but we do gations of capital that wanted a permanot believe that voters of the First district will yet accept the retirement of Mr. Farr. He is too valuable for that, and too well appreciated.

> THERE is only one permanent solution to the overhead wire and unsightly pole nuisance. It must be buried, The community will not be safe while these deadly strings of steel and ugly wooden sticks remain suspended over its head. Scranton has set the pace in so many things that it ought to find it an easy matter to reach a practical, equitable and lasting adjustment of underground wires

THE CONSTANT friction arising from It was a losing issue from the start arbitrary departmental definitions of second and third class mail matter renand Roaring Brook bridges. The neg | rate for all printed matter. The day

PROBABLY No other single fact so cleary illustrates the business depression caused mainly by an incompetent national administration as does the statement that the National Union bank of New York city has reduced the rate of interest deposits from 2 to 14 per cent. With money hoarded and industry stagnant, will the American senate deliberately proceed to make things

THE MIGRATORY pariod of this coming spring ought to bring to Scranton a generous list of promising new in dustries. The enterprises will come, if they are proffered reasonable induce ments. We need them. They need us. Let us get together.

THE INCREASE in Luzerne's license Scrautonians should not relapse into applicants over last year is a known quiesence or apathy. The avenues for number, two hundred and twelve; but improvement are many and inviting. the increase in "speak casics" offers unlimited room for guessing.

ME HERRING can now get out his the snickersnes and whirl it as fast as he pleases. Election is over, and the when, flushed with virile youth, it civil service "bluff" is in readiness to take a springtime nap.

PROTECTION DOES'NT mean one thing to one section and another thing to an other section. The protectionist is consistent in his willingness to make the benefits of his system uniform.

AN INCREASE in one year of fortyeight applicants for liquor lisense in this county indicates at least one industry that hasn't been ruined by the general depression.

THERE IS no need of Americans jumpother things which ring the center bell ing on Willis. President Dole is enof popular approval. One of these lat- tirely qualified to do that task to per-

> SCRANTONIANS WILL have breathing room hereafter. The spring tonic trade will correspondingly decline,

It was a protection tidal wave; a regular home market freshet, so to

THE POISONER of the franchise must be treated to a penitentiary antiseptic. MR. GLADSTONE is the liveliest "retired" man in European politics.

FREE TRADE in Pennsylvania should be unfolded to the marines.

SCRANTON IS a poor place in which to advocate retrogression.

THE Pie Counter.

Tripping down the sidewalks snows, Bravely wading through the slush Modestly her skirts uplifting, Yet without the slightest blush, Ethel wends her way, regardless Which may be the easiest routes. Slush to her has lost its terrora—
She has on her rubber boots.

—Somerville Journal,

She-What do you consider the most winning attribute, John! John-Well, next to a royal flush I think I would rather hold four aces,

"Why do you sign your name J. John B. B. Bronson!" saked Hawkins. "Because it is my name," said Bronson. "I was christened by a minister who stuttered."-Spare Moments.

Central Warder-Did you yote on the bridges yesterday Suburban Warder-Naw. Up in our district the election was held in the old iron house as usual.

"I find my lessons in bread making have saved us many dollars."
"But I thought you couldn't eat it, you 'We don't, but I can make playthings for the baby out of it, and they never break or wear out."-Chicago Inter Ocean.

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This is the season of the year that the average tenant becomes dissatisfied with high rents and seeks a house where he will have to pay more.

"I am no artist in color blending." remarked the mustard plaster, "but I can Father - Woll, Thomas, you have graduated from college and are now ready for your life work. What will be your field? Son (thoughtfully) - Well, to tell the

truth, sir, it is a little hard to decide between left and center.—Texas Siftings.

Some Passing Thoughts. Many a winning smile is like the gold plating upon brass jewelry—somewhat de-

ceptive.

The man who did not vote for the parks must feel almost "mean enough to admire Grover Cleveland." Street car conductors and newspaper publishers are the only people on earth who can please everybody.

The individual who buys goods out of own and lets the home merchant starve is free trader in a small way. The most striking illustration of total col-lapse generally occurs when the heavy-weight champion of the gymnasium is sked by his wife to bring a pail of coal

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